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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO ACADEMICIANS SAGDEYEV AND ZEL'DOVICH, COPY TO DR. A.A. KULAKOV AT SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW.

2. 01.0802 JUNE 9, 1977

DEAR ACADEMICIAN SAGDEYEV: DEAR ACADEMICIAN ZEL'DOVICH:

I HAD ATTEMPTED TO REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE THIS WEEK BECAUSE A NUMBER OF PROSPECTIVE US PARTICIPANTS IN MOSCOW RESEARCH SEMINAR HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HOLD SEMINAR AT THAT PART OF INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH WHICH IS OPEN TO FOREIGN VISITORS. IN THEIR VIEW WITH WHICH I CONCUR, THE SEMINAR WILL ONLY PROVE SUCCESSFUL IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ALL US AND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE BOTH LUNCH AND DINNER TOGETHER ON A REGULAR BASIS AND IF PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE A LECTURE HALL WITH OVERHEAD AND 35MM SLIDE PROJECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A NUMBER OF

OFFICES OR SMALLER ROOMS WHICH PARTICIPANTS CAN USE FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION, BOTH DURING THE DAY AND IN THE EVENING. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE AVAILABLE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS A LIBRARY WHICH INCLUDES THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE JOURNALS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS; AP.J., J. ASTRO AND ASTROPHYSICS, NATURE, AND MNRAS, AS WELL AS SOVIET LANGUAGE JOURNALS AND BOOKS IN THE FIELD.

WE HAVE OBTAINED A LIST OF TALKS AND TOPICS OF FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS AND DR. SHAPIRO, WHO IS SERVING AS SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY FOR US PARTICIPANTS, WILL BE SENDING THAT SHORTLY TO ACADEMICIAN ZEL'DOVICH. IN VIEW OF HIGH CALIBRE OF PROSPECTIVE US AND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, AND FRONTIER NATURE OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED, THERE IS GOOD REASON TO EXPECT THAT THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A MOST REWARDING RESEARCH SEMINAR FROM A SCIENTIFIC POINT OF VIEW, PROVIDED THE NECESSARY PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WHICH FACILITATE EASY INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON ASTROPHYSICAL MATTERS BOTH DURING THE DAY AND THE EVENING. BUT I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR SUCCESS OF THE SEMINAR.

FINALLY, AM I CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THE SEMINAR IS TO BE HELD IN MOSCOW? WILL IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ALL US PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO DO SO TO BRING THEIR WIVES?

I HOPE THAT IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE FOR ONE OF YOU TO TELE-PHONE ME BY THE END OF THIS WEEK OR THE FIRST PART OF NEXT WEEK, AS THE TIME IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN US UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPANTS MUST DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE SEMINAR.

BEST REGARDS,

DAVID PINES VANCE

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